

who wish to conduct advertising programmes in their own vicinity, we may say that while it is helpful to bring the story and news of Henry George's books before the public, judged by results, mailed material is far in advance of magazine advertising as a means of getting books off the shelves and into the hands of many readers.

From a friend in Texas we received a letter asking for information as to how to put the Single Tax into operation in his town. This gentleman has a strong enough voice in the city government to do effective campaigning, provided we can prove to him that sound measures can be drafted into the laws of his city. Technical material has been supplied.

More numerous than some people imagine, are the letters that come to the Foundation asking for special material, and information along practical lines. Such letters are answered with great care, and a supply of reference material is kept on hand.

Speaking engagements and the arrangements therefore are taken care of through our office. If leaders in cities and towns near New York feel the need of interesting local civic bodies, we have several men of ability who are prepared to make addresses. Mr. Lancaster Greene, whose activities are well known to LAND AND FREEDOM readers, is taking on an assignment of this kind for us in Boston.

Friends who entertained Professor A. Matheu Alonzo of the National College at Tarragona, Spain, during his visit to this country in 1934, will be interested to know that he needs fifty copies of "Progress and Poverty" in French, for the instruction of his class. The French publishers inform us that they can supply fifty copies (paper covers), for \$26, plus carriage. Because of our large commitments for new editions referred to in the first part of this report, we find our Book Fund depleted. If therefore one or two persons could come forward with a donation toward this specific task of putting "Progress and Poverty" into the hands of the youth of Spain, it would be most helpful at this time.

ANTOINETTE (KAUFMANN) WAMBOUGH,
Executive Secretary.

Death of Clarence Darrow

CLARENCE DARROW, humanitarian extraordinary, once said of Henry George:

"Henry George was a master of English; one of the greatest that ever used a pen. He was one of the real prophets of the world; one of the seers of the world. His was a wonderful mind; he saw a question from every side; his philosophy appealed to every school. Henry George wrote a profound book, the first book on political economy that people may read; the first and perhaps the last that was readable to plain ordinary men."

No finer tribute could be paid. The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation in preparing its little booklet "An

Appreciation of Henry George" by John Dewey, included in the latter pages, a series of comments by famous men. The Darrow remarks above quoted appear there.

The writer remembers particularly the request of our then president, the late Charles O'Connor Hennessy, to gather as many statements as possible made by famous men and women concerning the life or work of Henry George. Several days of research at the Main Library, Manhattan, were required, and in poring over the many sources of information I remember vividly the magazine article by Darrow in a 1913 issue of "Everyman." His succinct appraisal was part of a speech delivered by him at a Henry George Anniversary Dinner of the Single Tax Club in Chicago.

Interesting reference to this phase of Darrow's career is made in the N. Y. *World-Telegram* obituary, March 14, 1938:

"Soon after coming to Chicago, Darrow attended a lecture by Henry George and in the discussion after the speech he got up and delivered such a forceful analysis as to capture the audience. His talk impressed John P. Altgeld, then a Judge and later Governor of Illinois, who invited Darrow to become his law partner, and who was to exercise a great influence on his thought and career."

Students of Single Tax history will remember that Altgeld strove mightily for the Single Tax in his State, and that he was one of the many faithful, public-spirited followers of Henry George who came to realize the full import of George's concluding admonition in "Progress and Poverty",—

"The truth that I have tried to make clear will not find easy acceptance. If that could be, it would have been accepted long ago. If that could be it would never have been obscured. But it will find friends—those who will toil for it; suffer for it; if need be die for it. This is the power of Truth."

It is seldom accident that the paths of men cross. The altruism that actuated George to write these words, the humanitarian instincts that drove Darrow during a long life to do battle with the ignorance and apathy of the mob and the political martyrdom that Altgeld suffered himself to undergo are part and parcel of the great plan that links the lives and deeds of forward-looking men.

ANTOINETTE WAMBOUGH, Executive Secretary,
Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

PROPERTY in land differs in its origin from property in any commodity produced by human labor. The product of labor naturally belongs to the laborer who produced it. . . . But the same argument does not apply to land, which is not the produce of labor, but is the gift of the Creator to the world to mankind. Every argument used to give an ethical foundation for the exclusive right of property in land has a latent fallacy.

JUSTICE LONGFIELD.